



REMARKS

The Office Action rejected claims 10, 12 and 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9-14 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/120,579. Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case and not as an admission as to the obviousness of claims 10, 12 and 13 over claims 9-14 of U.S. Application No. 10/120,579, a terminal disclaimer has been filed. Therefore, the rejection of claims 10, 12 and 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is now moot.


Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. After amending and canceling claims as set forth above, claims 10, 12 and 13 remain pending in the application and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

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